

season, but it is definitely genetic, and is geographically restricted. Its short scapes are like those of var. *patagonica*, but it differs in having elongate floral bracts like those of var. *spinulosa*.

P. PATAGONICA var. **oblonga** (Morris) Shinnery, comb. nov. *P. oblonga* Morris, Bull. Torr. Bot. Club 28: 119. 1901. *P. spinulosa* var. *oblonga* (Morris) Poe, ibid. 55: 411. 1928. *P. Purshii* var. *picta* (Morris) Pilger, Pflanzenreich IV. 269 (Heft 102): 369. 1937. Pilger considered *oblonga* and *picta* to be varieties of different species, but they are hardly separable. If treated as the same, as is done by Munz (Calif. Fl. p. 408, 1959), the name *oblonga* is earlier in varietal rank. It is not known from Texas; the transfer is included here merely for completeness.—Lloyd H. Shinnery.

TESSARIA SERICEA (NUTTALL) SHINNERS, COMB. NOV. (COMPOSITAE).—Based on *Polypappus sericeus* Nuttall, Journ. Acad. Phila. n.s. 1: 178. Aug. 1848. *Berthelotia sericea* (Nuttall) Rydberg, Bull. Torr. Bot. Club 33: 154. 1906. *Tessaria borealis* T. & G. ex Gray, Pl. Wright. 1: 102. 1852. *Pluchea borealis* (T. & G.) Gray, Proc. Amer. Acad. 17: 212. 1882. *Pluchea sericea* (Nuttall) Coville, Contrib. U.S. Nat. Herb. 4: 128. 1893. I am indebted to Dr. Marshall C. Johnston for calling my attention to the fact that although I have been using the above combination, it has never been formally published.—Lloyd H. Shinnery.

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